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Sask Sport Inc. Announces the July Athlete of the Month Award Recipient

Blaire McDowell of Regina is the recipient of the **Sask Sport Inc. July Athlete of the Month Award**. She was nominated by Water Polo Saskatchewan.

McDowell won a gold medal as a member of the Team Canada Junior Women's team at the 19U Junior Pan Am Championships. She scored four goals in Canada's 12-9 victory over Brazil in the final and was selected as the championship's Most Valuable Player by the Union Americana De Natacion (UANA) Federation. Canada was undefeated in round robin play.

The other outstanding nominees were:

- **Megan Neuman, Saskatoon, Judo** – won silver medals in the U21 Female -78kg and Senior Female - 78 kg at the Canada Cup Pan American Judo Championships. Went on to compete in the Pan Am Championships in Argentina and won a bronze medal in the U21 Female – 78kg event;
- **Kade Johnson, Yorkton, Golf** – finished first at the Saskatchewan Amateur Men's Golf Championships with a score of nine-under par. He is now ranked third overall in Golf Saskatchewan's Order of Merit Tour;
- **Keely Shaw, Saskatoon, Para-Cycling** – won a silver medal in the Individual Time Trial at the Para Road World Cup #2 in the Netherlands. Also placed fifth in the Individual Road Race;
- **Keegan Kaytor and Ramsey Derbas, Saskatoon, U18 Team Saskatchewan Football members** – helped lead Saskatchewan to a gold medal at the Football Canada Cup in Calgary. Kaytor was the tournament offensive most valuable player (MVP) and the offensive game MVP for all three games. Derbas was the tournament defensive MVP and was the defensive game MVP for two of the three games.

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For information regarding the Athlete of the Month Awards program, including previous nominees and recipients, visit www.sasksport.sk.ca/awards.php

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